

30s Wealth Action Plan

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Your personalized checklist: income, savings rate, debt payoff, accounts, and 5-year milestones.

STEP 1 — INCOME AUDIT

- ☐ Current gross income (all sources): \$_____ / year
- ☐ Net take-home after taxes: \$_____ / month
- ☐ Side income / freelance: \$_____ / month
- ☐ Benefits value (401k match, health insurance, etc.): \$_____ / year estimated
- ☐ Total compensation: \$_____ / year

Income growth opportunities identified:

- ☐ Ask for raise (next review date: _____)
- ☐ Develop skill that commands higher pay: _____
- ☐ Add income stream: _____

STEP 2 — SAVINGS RATE CALCULATION

- ☐ Total monthly income (net): \$_____
- ☐ Total monthly savings (all accounts): \$_____
- ☐ Current savings rate: \$_____ ÷ \$_____ = _____ %

Target savings rates by age 35:

- Minimum: 15% (matches your employer's 401k match + a little more)
- Good: 20–25%
- Aggressive wealth-building: 30%+
- ☐ My target savings rate: _____ %
- ☐ Monthly gap to reach target: \$_____
- ☐ Changes needed to close gap: _____

STEP 3 — DEBT PAYOFF PRIORITY MATRIX

List all debts and decide: avalanche (highest interest first) or snowball (smallest balance first).

For each debt:

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| • Creditor: _____ | Balance: \$_____ | Rate: _____% | Min payment: \$_____ |
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Priority rules:

- ☐ Paying off all debt above 7% interest before investing (except 401k match)
- ☐ Keeping all debt below 4% — focusing on investing instead
- ☐ Extra monthly payment toward priority debt: \$_____

STEP 4 — ACCOUNT OPENING CHECKLIST

Open and fund in this order:

- ☐ 401(k) / 403(b) — contribute enough to capture full employer match
- ☐ High-yield savings account — emergency fund (3–6 months)

- ☐ Roth IRA — max contribution if eligible (\$7,000 / year in 2024)
- ☐ 401(k) — increase to IRS max (\$23,000 / year in 2024) if able
- ☐ Taxable brokerage — any additional savings after tax-advantaged maxed

Accounts opened:

- ☐ 401(k): employer + contribution %: _____
- ☐ HYSA: bank: _____
- ☐ Roth IRA: broker: _____
- ☐ Taxable brokerage: _____

STEP 5 — NET WORTH BASELINE

Calculate today. Update every 6 months.

Assets:

- Checking + savings: \$ _____
- Investment accounts (401k, IRA, brokerage): \$ _____
- Home equity (if applicable): \$ _____
- Other: \$ _____
- Total assets: \$ _____

Liabilities:

- Student loans: \$ _____
- Auto loans: \$ _____
- Credit card balances: \$ _____
- Mortgage balance (if applicable): \$ _____
- Total liabilities: \$ _____

Net Worth = Assets " Liabilities = \$ _____

Date calculated: _____

STEP 6 — 5-YEAR MILESTONE TRACKER

By age _____ (5 years from now):

- ☐ Emergency fund: fully funded at \$ _____ ' target date: _____
- ☐ High-interest debt eliminated (>7%): by _____
- ☐ Net worth target: \$ _____ by _____
- ☐ Retirement savings on track: \$ _____ invested total by _____
- ☐ Savings rate at _____ % sustained for 12+ months
- ☐ Side income producing \$ _____ / month

Annual check-in dates: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____